Affairs of the Centre for .Environment Education Amedabad

398. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have recognised the Centre for Environment Education, Ahmedabad for the purposes of research in ecology and environment; if so, what has been the achievement of the institution so far;

(b) what is the annual grant-in-aid sactioned by the Ministry and what is the status and type of management of the institution and whether the Ministry has been able to monitor the progress of the projects undertaken by the institution; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the number of scientists, research associates and other staff of the institution and whether it is also a fact that the Directors of the institution have been frequently going abroad at the expense of the institution; if so, what are the details thereof for the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The Centre for Environment Education (CEE), Ahmedabad was established in September, 1984, with grants-in-aid from the Government to meet the need for creating high quality educational materials and for propagating environmental awareness among the children and the general community.

The thrust areas of the Centre's activities are environmental education in schools, interpretation, media, natural and cultural heritage, eco-development, and urban environment.

The educational material developed by the Centre include guide books and illustrated documents on the country's natural resources.

(b) The annual grants-in-aid sanctioned by the Ministry to the Centre so far during the Seventh Five Year Plan are as follows :

	Rs. (*in lakhs*)
1985-86	73-.00
1986-87	73-50
1987-88	97.18
1988-89	129.75

The Centre is registered as a Society under the Society's Registration Act, 1860. It is managed by a Director and a Governing Council consisting of representatives of the Nehru Foundation for Development, Karmakshetra Educational Foundation and the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

The progress of the programmes undertaken by the Centre are reviewed by the Governing Council. The Annual Report alongwith the audited statement of accounts of the Centre is laid on the Table of both the Houses of Parliament.

(c) The number of scientists including research associates in the Centre is 50 and other supporting staff is 29 in number. Details of the foreign visits of the Centre's Director during the last three years are as follows :

Year	Country visited	Source of funding
1986-87 June 1986	United States of America	Indo-US Interpretative project.
Peburuary 1987	United States of America	University Grants Commission's State of World-Project.

Year	Country visited	Source of funding
1987-88		
August 1987	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	Centre for Environment Education, Ahmedabad.
October 1987	Canada	Indo-US Children's Environmental Education T.V. Project.
1988-89		
October 1988	United States of America	Indo-US Children's Environmental Education T.V. Project.

State Trading Corporation's plan to Boost Exports

399. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any three-year action plan has been formulated by the State Trading Corporation for quantum jump in exports;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what has been the exports during 1987-88 and 1988-89 and what are the further projections ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI) : (a) and (b). The State Trading Corporation is in the process of preparing a detailed Three Year's Plan to achieve and export turnover of about Rs. 1500 crores by 1991-92.

(c) Exports during 1987-88, 1988-89 and projections for the years 1989-90 and 1991-92 are as under:—

Year	Value (in Rs. Crores)
1987-88	581
1988-89 (Prov.)	531
1989-90 (Target)	700
1991-92 (Projections)	1500

Indo-Spanish Joint Ventures

400. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any areas have been identified for Indo-Spanish joint ventures;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any time bound action plan has also been initiated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) A Spanish delegation visited India recently. During the discussions held with the delegation, it was mentioned that there was scope for establishment of joint ventures and technical and financial collaborations.

(c) No time bound action plan has been drawn up.

Action on the Revised Application of M/s. Coca Cola Company

401. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s. Coca Cola Company has been allowed to amend its application;

(b) whether any revised proposal from M/s. Coca Cola Company has recently been received; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?